

Sattelite radio should be given favorable approval to continue offering the full range of radio broadcast services that are currently available to listeners. I consider these same services to be more than entertainment for me and my family. We utilize the weather and news reports in our travels as a means of maintaining safety to and from our destinations. As an example, on January 27, 2004 as we were traveling from Alabama to North Carolina, we were able to maintain a consistent radio signal on the Weather Channel Sattelite Station to safely deal with some significant winter weather that was causing numerous accidents and traffic related fatalities.

We recently purchased two vehicles equipped with sattelite radio hardware and pay an annual fee to be able to listen to the sattelite stations. This same choice is available to others and should not be considered by the FCC as unfair practice. Also, in the spirit of free enterprise, traditional network radio needs to realize that if specialized radio services that sattelite radio offers are, in fact, attracting more listeners, they should devise a competitive broadcast service for non- sattelite listeners!